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1-24771

First Inventor

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Title

Tie Rod End

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6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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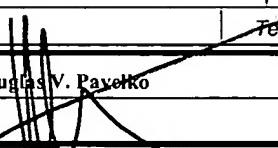
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1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet		
1053	130	1053	130	Non - English specification		
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination		
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action		
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action		
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month		
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month		
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month		
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month		
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month		
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal		
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal		
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing		
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding		
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable		
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional		
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)		
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee		
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee		
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1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid		
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent		
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1206	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement		
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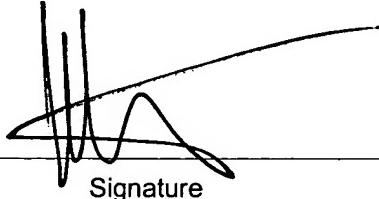
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